

WHISTLER (James McNeill) *continued* :

—— A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo. 2 Lindsay Houses, Chelsea (no date) to Mrs. Howell, regretting he could not join her party the previous day ; with 'Butterfly' Signature on Admission Card of The Society of British Artists

S 4/7/17. B. F. Stevens, £3 15s

WHITE (Rev. Gilbert) Auto. Receipt signed Gil: White and dated Jan. 27, 1790, for one year's rent for Hurst Farm up to Michaelmas, 1789, from farmer Thomas Stovel

S 5/12/16. Lowther, £2 4s

WHITEFIELD (George, Preacher) A. L. s. (initials), Bristoll, April 24, 1769, to Mr. Cornelius Winter, Tabernacle, Moorfields :

' All arrived safe at Georgia, Feb. 26th I hope I shall be in time for the Savannah Ship if I write within a few days.—Yesterday was a high day at Bath I hope soon to take the field. . . . '

S 4/12/16. Maggs, £1 7s

WHITELOCKE (Bulstrode, President of the Council of State) D. s. 1 p. folio, 19 Aug. 1652, authorising the payment of mariners' wages to their widows, the ship John being cast away on her voyage to Virginia ; also signed by other Commissioners

C 1/5/17. Lindsay, £4 5s

WHITMAN (Walt) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo. Washington, Sep. 3rd, 1872, to Thomas Carlyle, stating that he is sending

'two little books of mine—introducing them by this note, and taking permission to personally offer, as it were from America, true respects and love.'

—IRVING (Washington) A. L. s. 2 pp. 4to. Russell Square, Feb. 12th, 1822, to Henry Colburn, respecting the translation of a French work on Europe and America, of which he says the chapters on England and Napoleon are 'powerful and most interesting.'

C 4/4/17. Atkinson, £4 10s

WHITTEN (Wilfred, 'John o' London') Six A. L. s. to Colonel Prideaux, on literary matters

S 26/10/16. Danielson, 1s

WHITTIER (J. G.) A. L. s. 2½ pp. 8vo. Amesbury, Mass. July 27, 1867, to Samuel Ferguson, with envelope, thanking him for his poems.—LOWELL (J. R.) A. L. s. 1¾ pp. 8vo. July 21, 1882, to Lady Galloway.—HOWELLS (W. D.) A. L. s. 1½ pp. 8vo. Jan. 6, 1895

S 3/7/17. Walker, £1 15s

WILBERFORCE (W.) L. s. 1 p. 4to. June 17, 1806, on Slave Trade and the New Testament

P 25/8/16. Atkin, 3s

WILDE (Oscar) A. L. s. 7 pp. 4to. (no date) to W. A. S. Benson, c. 1885, on William Morris's wall-papers and other æsthetic matters :

'I have a dining room done in different shades of white, with white curtains embroidered in yellow silk, the effect is absolutely delightful, and the room is beautiful. . . . How can you see Socialism in the Earthly Paradise? if it is there it is an accident not a quality—there is a great difference.'

He also mentions Sir Frank Benson :

'I saw Frank at Oxford—there was a charming performance—& lovely costumes—he seemed very pleased at it & so was I.'

S 1/3/17. Spencer, £10 10s

WILDE (Oscar) *continued* :

—— A. L. s. 2 pp. 12mo. (no date) 16 Tite Street, Chelsea, to Gordon Ross :

'Friday is *not* the 4th. But it will give me great pleasure to dine with you on that day. I suppose Willis' Rooms at 7 oc. What an age since we met !'

S 4/7/17. Stevens, £2 4s.

—— 'Requiescat,' Auto. MS. of this poem, signed, 2 pp. 8vo. 20 lines

This poem, said to have been written in memory of his sister Isola, who died in 1867, was first published in 1881. It has often been quoted as one of Wilde's most beautiful poems.

S 5/12/16. Spencer, £22:

—— The Ballad of Reading Gaol, by C. 33, half vellum, 1899, with two Auto. Ls. from the Author to his publisher, Leonard Smithers, the one referring to the work :

'I should not like to die without seeing my poem as good as I can make a poem, whose subject is all wrong and whose treatment too personal,' 8 pp. [Nov. 16th, 1897], the other referring to the proposed illustrations by Miss Marbury, 8 pp. [Dec. 8/1897].

H 24/5/17. Spencer, £14.

—— De Profundis, first edition, with A. L. s. from the Author, commencing 'My dear Bernie,' 4 pp. [1888 or 1889]

H 24/5/17. Tregaskis, £7

WILLIAM III. Latin Inscription s. as Prince of Orange, when only 10 years old, Oct. 10, 1661; and an Order s. Feb. 10, 1691—signed also by Godolphin, and others

S 2/7/17. Benson, 14s.

WILLIAM IV. (as Duke of Clarence) A. L. s. 1½ pp. 4to. Bushey House, Aug. 4, 1824, to Edward Jesse, concerning the purchase by the Crown of a house and grounds in Bushey Park

S 1/3/17. Daniell, 9s.

—— A. L. s. 1 p. 4to. Bushy House, July 1, 1830, to his 'Dear fair and excellent Cousin' Princess Sophia, promising that the King shall be what the Duke of Clarence was

S 3/7/17. Gordon, £1.

—— Royal Sign Manual on Officer's Commission, also signed by Sir T. Masterman Hardy and Sir John Barrow, 1800

C 21/12/16. Pearsons, 5s.

WILSON (Professor John, 'Christopher North') A. L. s. 1½ pp. 8vo.—GLADSTONE (W. E.) A. L. s. 2 pp. 8vo. June 2, 1869.

—LYTTON (Lord) A. L. s. 1 p. 8vo. March 20, 1844

S 5/12/16. Armstrong, 7s.

WILTSHIRE. Sir John Danvers' Book of Sheriffs Precepts for the County of Wilts, beautifully written in a 16th century hand, with several ornamental initials, 4to. old calf

H 23/11/16. F. Brown, £1 1s.

WISHART (George, DD. Bishop of Edinburgh) Holograph Letter, 2 pp. 4to. Schiedame, 1 Jan. 1650, to Lord Napier at Hamburg, congratulating him on his negotiations there, and discussing the affairs of the Prince of Orange, etc.

S 2/7/17. Barnard, £1 1s.